AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1.   (original) A method of design comprising the steps of:

agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;

providing computer programs to aid in the design of an integrated circuit; and

receiving a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

3.   (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said data contains a watermark.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data for use in the design of an integrated circuit.

5.   (original) The method of claim 4 wherein said data contains a watennark.

6.   (original) A method of design comprising the steps of:

agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;

designing a portion of an integrated circuit using computer programs; and

making a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.

7.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

8.   (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said data contains a watemark.

9.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

10.   (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said data contains a watermark.

11.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

12.   (withdrawn) Machine readable media comprising data, wherein said data was generated by a computer program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.

13.   (withdrawn) A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit comprising the step of:

reading a media containing data, wherein said data was generated by a computer program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.

14.   (withdrawn) A method of design comprising the steps of:

agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;

providing computer programs and receiving a first payment; and

receiving a second payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.

15.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein the usage and the number of copies of the computer programs are unlimited.

16.   (withdrawn) A business method comprising the steps of:

providing by a first party access to a computer program by a second party,

according to an agreement between the first and second parties; the first party receiving from the second party a first payment upon such access; and

receiving by the first party a second payment from the second party when the second party executes the computer program according to the agreement to generate a useful result.

17.   (withdrawn) A business method comprising the steps of:

paying by a second party to a first party a first payment according to an agreement between the first and second parties, the second party receiving from the first party a computer program; and

paying by a second party to the first party a second payment, the second party executing the computer program to generate a useful result.